

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

**Please amend the claims as follows:**

1. (Currently Amended) An electric power steering device for transmitting a rotation of a motor for assisting operation of steering which is reduced via a reduction gear to a steering mechanism, the electric power steering device comprising:

a male type joint member and a female type joint member which are jointed to each other for transmitting the rotation of the motor to the reduction gear; and

a grease lubricant including a base oil having a kinetic viscosity of 1000 to 5000 mm<sup>2</sup>/s (40°C), a worked penetration of said grease being ~~which~~ is not more than 300, and which is charged between the male type joint member and the female type joint member.

2. (Previously Presented) The electric power steering device according to claim 1, wherein the kinetic viscosity of the base oil is not less than 1500 mm<sup>2</sup>/s.

3. (Previously Presented) The electric power steering device according to claim 1, wherein the kinetic viscosity of the base oil is not more than 2500 mm<sup>2</sup>/s.

4. (Currently Amended) The electric power steering device according to claim 1, wherein the worked penetration of the ~~lubricant~~ grease is not more than 260.

5. (Currently Amended) The electric power steering device according to claim 1, wherein the worked penetration of the ~~lubricant~~ grease is not less than 200.

6. (New) The electric power steering device according to claim 1, wherein the electric power steering device is devoid of an O-ring between the male type joint member and the female type joint member.

7. (New) The electric power steering device according to claim 1, wherein said male type joint member comprises a spline shaft and said female type joint member comprises a cylindrical body that is connected to a rotary shaft of said motor.

8. (New) The electric power steering device according to claim 7, further comprising:  
a gap formed between the spline shaft and the cylindrical body,  
wherein said lubricant is charged in said gap.

9. (New) The electric power steering device according to claim 7, wherein the electric power steering device is devoid of an O-ring between said spline shaft and said cylindrical body.

10. (New) The electric power steering device according to claim 1, further comprising:  
a speed reduction mechanism, comprising:

a shaft; and

a wheel,

wherein said shaft of said speed reduction mechanism is connected to a rotary shaft of said motor by a joint, said joint comprising said male type joint member and said female type joint member.

11. (New) The electric power steering device according to claim 10, wherein said wheel comprises a synthetic resin member comprising at least one of polyacetal terephthalate and polybutylene terephthalate.

12. (New) An electric power steering device for transmitting a rotation of a motor for assisting operation of steering which is reduced via a reduction gear to a steering mechanism, the electric power steering device comprising:

a male type joint member and a female type joint member which are jointed to each other for transmitting the rotation of the motor to the reduction gear; and

a grease including a base oil having a kinetic viscosity of 1000 to 5000 mm<sup>2</sup>/s (40°C), which is charged between the male type joint member and the female type joint member.

13. (New) The electric power steering device according to claim 12, wherein the electric power steering device is devoid of an O-ring between the male type joint member and the female type joint member.

14. (New) An electric power steering device for transmitting a rotation of a motor for assisting operation of steering which is reduced via a reduction gear to a steering mechanism, the electric power steering device comprising:

a male type joint member and a female type joint member which are jointed to each other for transmitting the rotation of the motor to the reduction gear; and

a grease having a worked penetration of which is not more than 300, and which is

charged between the male type joint member and the female type joint member.

15. (New) The electric power steering device according to claim 14, wherein the electric power steering device is devoid of an O-ring between the male type joint member and the female type joint member.